Applications for Freedom Fighters' pension from Assam

1109. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received by his Ministry from Assam for grant of freedom fighters' pension since 1st July, 2002;

(b) the number of cases which have been settled till date;

(c) the number of cases pending finalisation together with the reasons for delay in each case; and

(d) by when the rest of the cases are likely to be finally disposed off?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) The Ministry has received 24applications from Government of Assam.

(b) All of them have been disposed off.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Unruly behaviour of employees of Tihar Jail

*1110. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employees of Tihar Jail have become unruly and extend help to the inmates unhesitatingly;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken some steps to check the same; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (e) No, Sir. There is a regime of strict discipline in force ai the Central Jail, Tihar. However, in cases where any

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

member of the staff is found to have made any lapse, appropriate action under rules is taken against him.

Kidnapping cases in Delhi

1111. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of kidnappings have been reported in the capital during the last few months; and

(b) if so, the details of such cases reported so far in the current year and how far the police authorities have succeeded in tracing the victims and bringing to book the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the current year (upto 28th February, 2002), 167 persons were reported to have been kidnapped, of whom 57 persons have since been rescued. Besides, 30 persons were arrested for their alleged involvement in these cases.

IPS Officer implicated in Customs Duty evasion case

1112. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a senior officer from the Indian Police Service, Haryana cadre, has been implicated in Customs Duty evasion detected by the Delhi Customs, in the year 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken against the official, by the Central and State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Department of Revenue had intimated that Shri Harith Kumar, IPS (HY:77) while functioning as Director, NCRB, New Delhi was involved in a case of Cistoms Duty evasion by M/s. Suren International Compaay wherein his wife is reported to